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ATMOSPHERICS

RESUMPTION OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT AND THE TRADITIONAL  
PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET WAS THE DOMINANT ISSUE IN  
AUSTRALIAN POLITICS DURING THE WEEK. THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION  
AND THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO CAME OUT SECOND BEST  
IN THE COMPETITION FOR ATTENTION WITH THE MEDIA.

PROGRAM:

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF NEGOTIATING, AND MANY MONTHS OF  
PLANNING, THE MOVE OF USIS CANBERRA TO NEW QUARTERS  
HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. WE MOVED INTO THE NATIONAL  
PRESS CLUB BUILDING AND IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE OPERATIONAL.  
NEEDLESS TO SAY, MORALE AND EFFICIENCY WENT UP IN A  
GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION AS THE MOVING DAY NEARED. THE  
BUIDLING AND FURNISHINGS HAVE MET ALL EXPECTATIONS.  
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THE VISIT BY THE U.S. NUCLEAR SUBMARINE "SNOOK" TO W.A. "HMAS STIRLING" 30 MILES SOUTH OF PERTH WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS. IT IS THE FIRST VISIT OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR POWERED VESSEL TO AN AUSTRALIAN PORT SINCE 1971 AND THE FIRST VISIT TO AN AUSTRALIAN PORT SINCE THE FRASER GOVERNMENT LIFTED THE RESTRICTION ON NUCLEAR POWERED VESSELS TO VISIT AUSTRALIAN PORTS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY THE AUSTRALIAN STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING RADIATION FROM THE SUBMARINE SAID THAT NO LEVELS OF RADIATION ABOVE THOSE NORMALLY OCCURRING IN NATURE WERE NOTED. THE CAPTAIN OF THE SUBMARINE SAID THAT THE MONITORING PROGRAM IN AUSTRALIA WAS MORE STRINGENT THAN THOSE IN U.S. AND OTHER PORTS.

VOLSPKR PROFESSOR WILLIAM GRIFFITH COMPLETED THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF HIS AUSTRALIAN ODYSSEY WITH A VERY EFFECTIVE DAY IN MELBOURNE AND ANOTHER IN CANBERRA. HE MET WITH ACADEMICS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEDIA IN MELBOURNE WHERE HIS PRESENTATION WAS WARMLY RECEIVED. IN CANBERRA, HE ADDRESSED A SEMINAR AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY COMPOSED OF THE LEADING LIGHTS IN FOREIGN POLICY AND STRATEGIC AFFAIRS, THEN LUNCHEDED WITH A SELECT GROUP TO EXPAND UPON HIS EARLIER PRESENTATION. LATER, HE MET IN A VERY LIMITED SEMINAR SESSION WITH MEMBERS OF JIO (THE AUSTRALIAN EQUIVALENT OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL), AND WITH THE FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. HE DEPARTED FOR NEW ZEALAND FRIDAY FOR A WEEK-LONG SERIES OF PRESENTATIONS, THEN RETURNS TO SYDNEY AS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL SEMINAR OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

CAO FINDLAY, TOGETHER WITH RPO HARRY KENDALL AND MELBOURNE BPAO PETE QUASius TOOK IN THE ANZAAS CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE WHICH WAS REPRESENTED BY JACK GREENE, GORDON WOOD AND JAMES MILLER, THE LATTER TWO UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE AAEP, AND THE FORMER AS A VOLSPKR.

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AGENCY AUDITORS BROADUS AND STEINER ARE COMPLETING THEIR FIRST WEEK OF WORK IN AUSTRALIA.

USIS MELBOURNE MADE EXCELLENT USE OF THE STUDENT FILM-MAKERS PACKAGE - PARTS I & II. PROGRAMMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF FILM AND VIDEO, SOME 100 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS ATTENDED.

SO WARMLY RECEIVED WERE THE FILMS, THEY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY  
SHOWN AT FOUR STATE TEACHERS COLLEGES IN VICTORIA. TWO  
OTHER VENUES RESULTED FROM THIS PROJECT -- THE STURT  
COLLEGE OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND THE CAUFIELD ARTS  
CENTER. SEVERAL FILMS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED FOR  
PURCHASE BY THE STATE FILM CENTER AND THE AUDIO VISUAL  
EDUCATION CENTER.  
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